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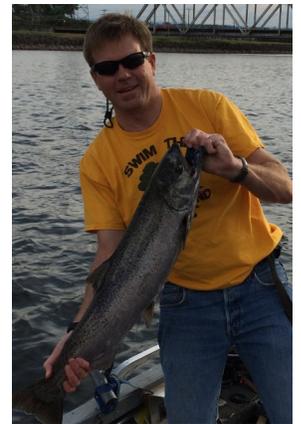
President's Message - "Change Is Good!"

People making a living with fish related employment are uniquely fortunate. Membership in the American Fisheries Society is evidence that we see our employment as more than job - it is a professional career choice that has value beyond a paycheck.

My involvement in the American Fisheries Society, in particular the Idaho Chapter, has diverse motives that include: Learning about recent science findings, staying current with new methods and technologies, and building relationships with fellow fisheries professionals. While these are personal, and yours likely differ, our Chapter's mission describes two aspects that should be common to all members:

- 1) Advancing fisheries and aquatic science, and
- 2) Promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

During my ExCom tenure I have asked myself repeatedly "what does it mean to be a fisheries professional?" I find my response to be dependent upon context. But, what remains constant is change (e.g., changing environment, changing species compositions, changing political landscape, changing knowledge base, changing methods, changing colleagues and partners, changing issues).



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Rafiki plays the role of a shaman in The Lion King and reminds us that "change is good." Likewise, being a fisheries professional means a career commitment to skill/knowledge change (i.e., development). "Development of fisheries professionals" targets each of us and I am thankful for opportunities AFS has and will continue to provide me. I encourage each you to live the Idaho Chapter AFS mission by being an active participant in our Professional Society. Chapter committees are considering what opportunities exist to further develop ourselves and others as fisheries professionals. Some exciting ideas from the Committees in Action \$2,016 Challenge are starting to take shape and are highlighted later in this newsletter. It is not too late to join the Challenge.

Similarly, our Chapter must also change to best conserve and sustain fishery and aquatic resources and meet the needs of our members. While most of this adaptation is spontaneous, some is more formal. Establishment of the BYU-Idaho subunit in the Idaho Chapter and revised definition of membership are two such actions that are being proposed and require bylaw modification. In addition, the ExCom has identified other language updates to the bylaws that maintain consistency/compliance with Society bylaws. The bylaws can only be changed through a vote of the Chapter members. Chapter members will be notified by e-mail correspondence (coming soon!) of the proposed changes and will be given 30 days to review the proposed changes. Following the 30-day period, Chapter members will be given 14 days to vote on the proposed changes. The proposed changes must pass by 2/3 majority of the voting Chapter members. The bylaws are a pretty quick read. I encourage you to take the time to review the proposed changes and vote.

Let's spread our fortune. Our profession and Chapter are dependent upon each of us being involved. We biomagnify our individual impact as we act together. Our Chapter is the stage for recognizing the wisdom of Rafiki's reminder, "Change is Good."

— Jay



ICAFS makes the big time in Fisheries Mag!

Impressive, Helen, for getting our incredibly successful annual meeting in the June edition of Fisheries! If you missed it there, read it below.

AFS Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting Was a Great Success

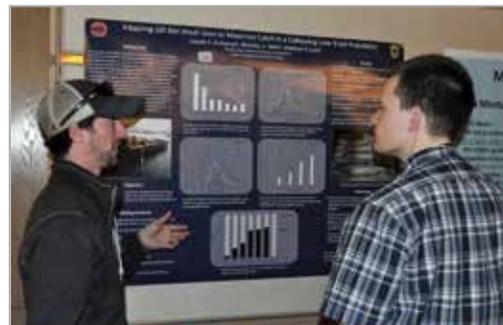
Helen Neville | Incoming President-Elect, Idaho Chapter. E-mail: hneville@tu.org
Photos by Bart Gamett

This year's annual meeting of the Idaho Chapter of AFS was held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, a perfect venue for productive and fun interactions. Our meeting was attended by 313 participants from 63 different organizations, with 59 students and 7 young professionals. Outgoing President-Elect, now President, Jay Hesse created a cross-cutting theme for the meeting, "Horizontal and Vertical Transmission of Fish-Related Information." This theme set the stage for a fantastic all-female plenary session with talks by Morgan Case, Julie Collins, Sharon Kiefer, and Jesse Trushenski, who discussed their varied interpretations of, and experience with, fisheries "information," and gave valuable advice on effective tools for communicating to diverse audiences.

We had 49 oral presentations organized by "Adaptive Management," "Habitat and Fish Restoration," "Modelling and Monitoring," and "Climate Change and Invasive Species," and a special symposium, "A Commemoration of the Idaho Supplementation Studies." Eighty-four people participated in three workshops. Our poster session included 27 presentations, and interaction with the poster presenters was bolstered by adding a breakfast session to our traditional evening session. At our business meeting, we welcomed a new Student Subunit, Brigham Young University-Idaho.

The R.L. Wallace Native Fish Conservationist of the Year was awarded to Joe DosSantos of Avista Corps for his work toward development and implementation of the Lower Clark Fork River Native Salmonid Restoration Plan, and a new Aquatic Habitat Restoration Award was given to the Caribou-Targhee National Forest for the Jackknife Watershed Restoration Project. Our Excellence in Aquaculture Award went to the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho for their Burbot *Lota lota* and sturgeon programs. We awarded six scholarships to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students, and quite a few Distinguished Service Awards. Our Lifetime Achievement Award was given to a very surprised Al Van Vooren for his service to the Idaho Chapter and fisheries profession.

We pulled off a wonderful welcoming social, student mixer, and banquet—with record-breaking fundraising from our 32 much-appreciated sponsors and successful auctions and raffles. Even the skies held clear for 83 participants in our seventh annual Spawning Run/Walk along the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Please join us for next year's joint meeting with The Wildlife Society in Boise, March 1–3, 2017!



Great interactions were had at our poster sessions and banquet.



Plenary speakers (L to R) Jesse Trushenski, Sharon Kiefer, Julie Collins, and Morgan Case; Outgoing President-Elect Jay Hesse has difficulty transferring information with a mumbling snorkeler Burbot *Lota lota*



Our Excellence in Aquaculture Award was presented to the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.



ICAFS Sub-Unit Activities

A Palouse Unit Tradition: The Wild Game Feed — Photos by Shandy Lam

The annual Wild Game Feed organized by the Palouse Unit was held April 22nd in Moscow, ID with 105 people in attendance. The wild game feed is a fairly ancient UI tradition with Dr. Moffitt noting it's been "a going concern for at least 40 years". Donated items including fly rods, local artwork, and guided fishing trips were raffled or auctioned to support the PUAFS student chapter. If you haven't been to this function and have an opportunity to go next year, give it a go...it's a great time. Not only is the food great, but if you are lucky, you might get an opportunity to hear part-time, stand-up comedian (and full time Ph.D. candidate) Zach Klein working the crowd!



Portneuf Unit treks to Sacramento for Society for Freshwater Science Annual Meeting

In the group photo, taken on US 50 in Nevada, we have from left to right: Dr Colden Baxter (Portneuf AFS advisor), Matt Schenk (graduate student, Portneuf AFS member), Jade Ortiz (graduate student, Portneuf AFS member), Adam Eckersell (undergraduate student, Portneuf AFS member), James Paris (graduate student, Portneuf AFS member), Nolan Brown (undergraduate student).





Upcoming Events

Make sure to mark these on your calendar!



2017 Annual Meeting slated for joint gathering—March 2017

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The theme of this gathering will be: **"Common Grounds: Where land and water meet"**. Its venue will be the newly renovated Boise Center with the full meeting from Weds March 1 through Friday the 3rd.

Workshops will be held on Tuesday Feb 28th including several of interest to both societies. The tentative plenary title is: **"Climate Change in Idaho - what are we up against and how do we plan?"** In the few joint meetings held in the past, session interaction of fisheries and wildlife professionals has been limited largely to the plenary session and the social events. In an effort to foster more sustained interactions (*sans* alcohol!), three special sessions are being put together; again with tentative titles:

- 1) Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife
- 2) Terrestrial/aquatic interactions
- 3) Terrestrial/aquatic wildlife conflict management

It is the goal of meeting organizers to put together the best joint session of the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society and ICAFS, ever, so get those dates in your phone... or for Luddites like Chip Corsi, on your yellow legal tablet...

Aquatic Habitat Committee announcements:

If anyone is interested in observing construction, field visits, or riparian planting of an active stream restoration project, contact Committee Chair Jeanne McFall



(Jeanne.mcfall@idfg.idaho.gov). Construction season is gearing up and our committee has identified funding (if needed) to provide valuable field experience to those interested in restoration implementation.

We are organizing a Workshop for the 2017 Joint Meeting that will focus on planting and restoration in the riparian and transition zones between aquatic and terrestrial habitat. If you have technical topics you'd like to see included, please send your ideas to Jeanne McFall.



Curious about a Curiosity Society?

Salvelinus confluentus Curiosity Society 2016 Meeting

East Fork Bitterroot River, Montana

We'll be having the 2016 ScCS meeting in Sula, MT on the East Fork Bitterroot River, and will focus on bull trout research and issues in the Bitterroot River drainage and western Montana.

Registration is open! <http://www.cvent.com/d/8fqg1g>

Also, check out: <https://www.facebook.com/2016SalvelinusConfluentusCuriositySociety/>

Schedule: Oral presentations starting in the afternoon, Tues. Aug 30, field day on Wed. Aug 31, and wrap up presentations on Thursday, Sept 1.

Venue: Sula Community Clubhouse, (1 ½ hours south of Missoula, MT or about an hour north of Salmon, ID). Camping and assembling in the evening at the East Fork Guard Station, a Bitterroot National Forest facility - 20 minutes up the East Fork Road from the Clubhouse.

Registration fee: \$90 Check out the website to see all that it covers

Call for Presentations: Abstracts were preferred by the end of June but contact an organizer quick if you'd like to present. For those who have already submitted abstracts, *please confirm* with Dan Kenney dkenney@fs.fed.us or Chris Clancy cclancy@fs.fed.us, for preferences for giving an oral presentation or a poster.

Field Work: We will be concentrating our field work effort (eDNA collection, electro-fishing, and snorkeling) primarily in the East Fork Bitterroot River drainage, and will be organizing efforts of varying levels of exertion. The data collected will be of great use to the local Forest Service and MFWP biologists.

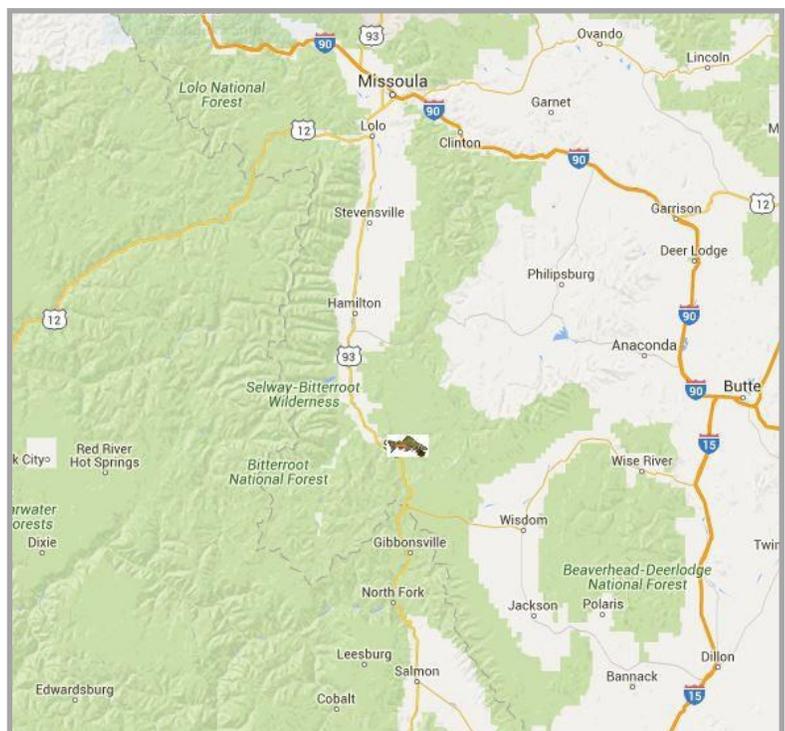
Meeting Organizers—reach out to us if you have any questions!

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Chapter Fundraising Opportunity—a painless way to raise money for ICASF

We all use Amazon.com, right? President Hesse has sleuthed out an easy fundraising opportunity for the Chapter called [AmazonSmile](#). In a nutshell, for many of us (or those with on-line shopaholic spouses!) who shop on Amazon.com, there is a simple process to donate 0.5% of individual item purchase prices to a charitable organization...including ICASF. Instructions, and the excerpt below, are from the company website.



When registering ICASF as the charitable organization use the identifier:

American Fisheries Society Salmon Idaho

Jay says that we are still in the process of finalizing the full registration but you can begin making this painless donation chapter immediately!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](#), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

AmazonSmile FAQs

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Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations? Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization when shopping on AmazonSmile? On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](#)), you'll need to select a charitable organization before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](#) will result in a donation.



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